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Sir/Madam:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF THE
NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION FILED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

This paper is filed concurrently with the national stage filing of an application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 corresponding to International Application No. PCT/EP00/00052, filed 05 January 2000. Please enter the following amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination on the merits.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following specification section under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.121(b)(2)(i) & (ii) so that it appear as follows:

On page 1, after the title "Method for isolating DNA from biological materials", please insert the following section:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--

This application is a national stage application of PCT/EP00/00052, filed 05 January 2000, which claims priority to German application DE 199 00 638.5, filed 11 January 1999, the entirety of which is hereby incorporated by reference.--